BARRON BERTHOLD AND EVAN WIL-LIAMS ENGAGED FOR MAY EVENT.

The Latter's Remarkable Success During the Last Year-Berthold's Pop-

ularity in Indianapolis.

Evan Williams and Barron Berthold are the two tenors engaged for the Indiana

tember, at the Worcester festival, Mr. Wil-"Stabat Mater." Bhilip Hale, the prominent Boston music critic, wrote to his pa- afternoon, April 26, at 3 o'clock. per: "I have never heard this famous air as well as it was to-night. I know of no tenor who has been heard in this country of late years, in opera or concert, Piano-"Sixth Rhapsodie"Liszt who could equal or even approach Mr. Wilhams's performance of this air." Ben Woolf, of the Boston Herald, said of this performance: "No such superb tenor singing has been heard in this region for The Worcester papers spoke of the great triumph of the tenor on this occasion, when the audience broke into a storm of applause that lasted for many minutes, and did not subside till the singer had reappeared six or seven times to bow his repeated acknowledgments. Mr. Willlams became solo tenor at the Marble Col-

legiate Church, in New York, during this

year, at a salary of \$2,000 a year, the post-

tion affording him opportunity to keep con-Mr. Williams was so disappointed at his appearance at the Indiana festival for 1896 that he asked the directors to be given another opportunity at the festival of 1897. The directors felt little inclination to make any promises to him, as it was feared the ic would not generally remember his filness prevented him from doing his best work at the 1896 festival. He developed so rapidly afterwards, however, and won so A Great Market for Them If Properly many encomiums that his engagement has been fixed for the May event. Mr. Van der Stucken had him as the solo artist at two symphony concerts in Cincinnati the winter, and each time he made a great hft. Mr. Van der Stucken thinks he is the greatest festival tenor in America, and urged that a contract with him be signed. Mr. Williams will take the place of Ben Daviess, whose return to England next month makes it impossible for him to sing at the Indiana festival. Mr. Williams is also a Weishman. He came to this country when a boy and settled at Akron, O. His remarkable voice was discovered by a -known teacher, who sent him to New York to study with James Sauvage. After his studies had progressed, he was offered several prominent church engagements, and concert tours followed these. A few weeks ago he sang in Pittsburg, and the Pittsburg Leader says the audience went wild, adding: "Not since Melba was recalled ten times, in the same hall, has an audience here shown such enthusiasm." Barron Berthold, who sang last year, has been engaged on account of his popularity and the strong impression he made in this city, both at the festival and as the leading tenor with the Damrosch Opera Com-pany. There were a great many requests that he be brought back here again, particularly from the German people and the Wagner enthusiasts. At the last festival he won rounds of applause upon his rendition of Walther's prize song from the "Melstersinger." He sang the tenor roles on Wagner night and also appeared at the artists' concert. Mr. Berthold's sensa-

tional performance in Boston first attracted to him the general attention of the musical public in this country. He was inging the tenor role in "Rob Roy" with the Bostonians, in Boston, while the Damrosch Opera Company was there. One night the tenor in the Damrosch Company was taken suddenly ill just as the curtain was about to go up on "Lohengrin," which was being sung in German. The opera house was crowded and the management was in despair. One of the members of the company recalled that there was a tenor with the Bostonians who had at one time sung the role of Lohengrin in Germany. A carriage swiftly took the manager over to the other house where Berthold was made up and ready to appear as Prince Charles in the light opera. He was beseeched to attempt the role of Lohengrin with the German Opera Company. An understudy was given the role of Prince Charles, and in half an hour Berthold was at the other theater and made up as Lohengrin. Although he had not sang Lohengrin for several years, he went on without even humming over a bar of the music in rehearsal and the manner in which he sang the role brought him columns of praise from the Boston papers the next norning. Mr. Damrosch promptly offered him an engagement at a salary far in advance of that he was receiving in light opera. In a few days, Mr. Grau, hearing of the wonderful performance, wired Berthold an offer, but he continued with the Damrosch Company. He will accompany Mme. Calve during her tour of ten concerts

Music and Art Notes.

There will be a special song service this evening at the German Evangelical Church, corner East and New York streets. Miss Shedd's pupils will give a musicale Friday evening, April 2, at the residence of Rev. J. P. Cowen, Woodruff Place.

Mr. Barclay Walker has just had a new song published by the John Church Company. It is callled "Candy Kisses," and is a childhood song. The next regular meeting of the Matinee

Musicale will be held Wednesday afternoon. at 2 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGibeny will give a recital.

A song service will be given this evening at the First Baptist Church by the quartet and choir of fifty voices, with organ and

The twentieth annual musical entertainment of Professor Paul Bahr and pupils will be given Thursday evening at Plymouth Church. Assistance in the programme will be given by Miss Lulu Fisher, soprano;

Miss Anna Sickles, violinist; Mr. Louis Dochez, baritons, and Mr. Andrew Smith, Miss Esther Willcox, violinist, played before the Women's Musical and Literary Club, of Cincinnati, Thursday afternoon, filling the engagement for Mr. Richard

schliewen, who was ill. Miss Willcox played the largo and rende from a concerto by Vieuxtemps and was enthusiastically received. She played for a recall a berceuse by Alard, Miss Willcox was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. B. Barry, Miss Willcox will remain in Cincinnati for a week as a guest of members of the club. Mr. R. B. Gruelle has on exhibition at his studio a portrait of the late Mr. Walters,

of Baitimore, owner of the famous Walters art collection. The likeness is strong and the artist has drawn with faithful brush the character which dominated the man. particularly lifelike expression has been given to the eyes, which are deep set under pair of shaggy brows. The few water colors which have been shown in Baltimore and Boston recently and which have not been seen here, are also in the studio. Mr. Gruelle has some of the best work he has ever done.

One of the best concert programmes ofered this season will be that of Tuesday evening at the testimonial musical entertainment given for Mr. Robert A. Newand. The soloists will be Mr. Newland. Mrs. Lottie Adam Raschig, Miss Josephin tobinson, Mr. Hugh McGibeny, Mr. Louis ochez, Mr. Oliver Willard Pierce, and Mr. Newland will play an organ duet with Miss Carman, The Choral Union, which has never sung at a concert before, will give the "Prayer" from "Lohengrin," the ammatus" and a "Sleighing Song," by Mr. Arens. The concert will be given at Plym-

outh Church at 8 o'clock. An entertainment will be given Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rogers. This will be the last of a series given by the Children's Mission. The children have been meeting each week at the home of Mrs. Bustar and making contributions of pennies and clothing, and have clothed fifty-eight children during the winter. The following programme will be given: Pableau, "Homage to America" - America, Grace Stewart; Spain, Florence Rogers, Mabel Rose, Walter Winslow; Germany, Gertrude Kantrowitz, Margaret Recker; Denmark, Genevieve Maine, Mabel Prary, vdia Hildebrand; Norway, Elizabeth Eitel, l'Estelle Beck, Howard Swiggett reland, Freda Green, Fred Balzley; Scotland, Grace Galloway, Jamie Stephenson Turkey, Norma Koerner, Carrie Hilde brand; China, Leo Kantrowitz, Sheffleld Hildebrand; Greece, Anna Rogers, Edith Dill: Mexico, Georgia, Wilson, Bianche Wyaan, Africa, Ida Rogers, Willetta Carter. ong, "The Man from Hong-Kong," Leo Kantrowitz; tableau, "The Flower of the Family," Baby Margaret Recker; song. "There Will Come a Time," Mable Rose: tableau, "Ceres and the Seasons,"

Dill, Carrie Hildebrand, Norma Koerner, Brown's cow had a calf."

TWO FESTIVAL TENORS | LEstelle Beck; song, "Kentucky Babe," Ida Marie Rogers; tableau, "Sent by Express," Genevieve Maine, Wilbur Wilson, Sheffield Hildebrand; song. "Sweet Little Rosy Posy," Gertrude Kantrowitz; tableau, "The Choristers," Helen Wilson, Elizabeth Eitel, Howard Swiggett, l'Estelle Beck; trio, "Ring on, Sweet Chimes," Mabel Pray, Genevieve Maine, Blanche Wyman; tableau, "Bubbles," Lydia Hildebrand; reci-tation, "The Legend Beautiful," Freda Green; song, "Homeless," Gertrude Kantrowitz, Ida Rogers; tableau, "What are the Waves Saying." Wilbur Wilson Lydia Hildebrand; song, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," Mabel Pray; song, "My Gal Is a High-born Lady." Willetta Carter.

Julia Kantrowitz, accompanist. Preparations have been completed for the second series of popular organ recitals by assisted by the Memorial Oratorio Society May Festival. Both of them have been and the Cecilian Chorus. The first will heard at a previous festival, but Mr. Wil- be a popular programme given Tuesday evening of this week, with these numbers: liams had little opportunity to display his "Fugue in G minor," Bach; "Andante, from talents at the last festival, for he had been | Op. 34," by Spohr; "Suite Feramors," by ill for several weeks before coming to this Rubinstein: "Tyrolean Chorus, from 'William Tell," by Rosini; "Prayer and Cradle city. He asked to be released from his Song," by Guilmant; "Intermezzo," by engagement when he reached here on ac- Gautier: "Variations on the 'Last Rose of count of his illness, but the board was un- Summer," by Buck, and the "Overture to William Tell," by Rosini. This concert able to grant his request, as no other tenor | will be followed by four others on as many could be secured to take his numbers at | succeeding Tuesday evenings, with a Wag such short notice. In the following Sep- ner programme, an American composers programme, an historical programme and Hams made the hit of the festival in his lungen." which will be illustrated by some singing of the "Cujus Animam," from the fine stereopticon views. The last will be preceded by an historical and analytical lecture on Wagner's music dramas Monday

A concert will be given at the Propylacum Wednesday evening by Miss Clara Levina Isham, with the following excellent pro-

Mr. Newton Swift. Mr. Carl Cameron. Aria-"Vanne Vanne"..... Meyerbeer Miss Cara Levina Isham. Reading - Monologue, "When Jack Comes Late"

Miss Helen Weber. Character Song . Mr. Karl Hoenig. Master Thad Rich. Aria-"Page Song" Miss Cara Levina Isham.

Vocal Solo - "Even Bravest Hearts May Swell" Flute and Cornet Serenade..... Misses Jessie D. Lewis and Elizabeth Banks. Trio from "Der Freischuetz"..........Weber Misses Isham and Weddell and Mr. Mor-

ris Meck.

AMERICAN APPLES IN GERMANY. Shipped.

Buffalo Courier. The United States consul at Frankforton-the-Main reports that Germany stands ready to buy millions of barrels of American apples every year if our dealers will ship them properly. The careless methods of packing practiced by exporters damage the apples so that vast quantities are spoiled before they reach the German markets. In spite of this, however, our shipments to Germany during the last season were, it is reported, about 6,000,000 barrels, twenty times the number of any former year. The fact that our apples find a market in that country in spite of the haphazard methods of our exporters is due to their superior quality alone. In juiciness flavor and adaptibility to all purposes of the kitchen and table they surpass the fruit grown in the Tyrol and in northern Italy. But we cannot expect this excellence of quality to weigh with Germans if the apples arrive in their markets, as many shipments did last winter, "in a wretched state -the apples so rotten and crushed as to be wholly unsalable except for manufac-

Among American farmers, dairymen and exporters there seems to exist a notion that the foreign buyer and consumer does not know a good thing from a bad; that out of sheer ignorance he will take what we offer him without regard to its quality. Our experience in selling him poor cheese ought to have taught us a lesson on that point. If we desire foreign buyers of our fruits and dairy products we must study to please them. Contrast for a moment the methods of packing apples in America and in the Tyrol. Our consul above quoted says that many hundreds of barrels of American apples have been landed in Great Britain and Germany during the past season which should not have been exported at all-"barrels with a layer of good fruit at the top and bottom, and the remainder filled with small, gnarly windfalls, gritty with sand and bitten by insects and mice as they lay on the ground, and showing every indication of having been shaken or beaten from the trees and thrown into casks like cider herrings baked in twenty-four pies. The apples into a mill." Sometimes the barrels Severn was noted for its lampreys and the have been filled so carelessly as to leave space for the apples to bump and rub against one another, so that the handling of them in transportation has bruised them

turing purposes, and then at a serious loss

to the importers.'

and set them to rotting. In the Tyrol apples intended for shipment are carefully picked by hand, and when quite dry are packed in layers in barrels lined with heavy manilla paper. At the bottom and top of the barrel are placed cushions of straw or excelsior, so that when it is headed the pressure of these elastic buffers prevents the jolting of the apples and also prevents bruising from the close contact of the hard wooden head. In the case of especially fine or tender apples layers of straw or excelsior separate the layers of apples from bottom to top. After the barrel is closed holes are bored through its sides and heads to admit air. Apples shipped in these casks will keep all winter unpened, sound and fresh.

Fruit dealers in Germany are reported to have said that if American apples were as carefully selected and packed as those of the Tyrol and northern Italy they would practically control the imported apple market in Germany. Is the plan not worth try-

OSCAR WILDE'S PROGRAMME. After Prison He Will Go to Paris and

London Letter in New York Press. The anticipated liberation of Oscar Wilde has aroused some curiosity as to his future career. His jail experience has not warmed his heart toward the English as a people, and I understand that he intends to live and to work in Paris, despite the fact that Sydney Grundy and other members of a certain literary sect here are ready to receive him as a martyr. In France his sympathizers are even more numerous. Of these, those who know of the nature of his crime condone it on the ground-which is also Grundy's-that it has nothing to do with his art. Others are under the delusion that Wilde is quite innocent and the subject of persecution by the brutal British

He used to spend a great deal of his time in Paris. He was one of the few English literary men who attended Paris salons that could speak French with an irreproachable accent. This, added to his French style of writing, made the salons legard him as a great eccentric genius, who might easily be misunderstood by the mass of people, and, accordingly, they extended to him true French hospitality. This hospitality will be extended once more by many, if not by all.

Sober and ultra-respectable academicians will welcome him as Oscar the innocent, who has suffered British persecution. their eyes to be disliked by the English is almost a virtue. Those ardent young decadents who were dissuaded by wiser heads from petitioning the British government for Oscar's release will lead their lion into the social arena with much flaring of trumpets. Already he has promised a leading French journal which has stood by him from the first "some thoughts" of a man of genius in prison, to the chagrin of a been put are many. One deserves our par- hand, throwing the ball to the music of an New York morning paper, a devotee of the yellow journalism, which also had offered ticular notice, as it is connected with our him a large sum. He will start writing a American custom of allowing the children play in French at once, and it is to be produced at a leading Paris theater. Sydney Grundy and his English friends say he makes a mistake. They are sure that if he produced his plays in London, his art, by its own sheer force, would soon win back all of the prestige which the irate Marquis of Queensberry destroyed. It is not true that Oscar's health has been ruined by confinement. The treadmill is hard on anybody, as "Jeck" Burns says, and "Jeck" knows. What was hard on a man who never wears an overcoat and can knock a big policeman down with a left hander was not likely to be a luxury for a degenerate esthete who took no exercise except lifting a cigarette to his lips. It nearly killed Oscar. But since he was relieved from it he has greatly improved. To his friends he may seem only "the shadow of his former self" on account of his comparative thinness. The one time big, soft, flabby bulk of flesh has been transformed and he has actually come into

probably added ten years to his life. Unjust to the Calf.

the possession of such things as muscle.

In short, after surviving the first shock

prison discipline has done him good and

Cincinnati Enquirer. The editor of the Jaytown War-whoop picked up one of his metropolitan exchanges and read: The charming soubrette Eva Hollis-Whopper has just purchased a new bulland the cat, "that these here city papers publish such stuff and then make fun of me

fer chroniclin' the fact that 'Squire Jim |

EATING OF VARIOUS VIANDS.

Proper Cake and a Legend Thereof-Easter Eggs-Superstitions That Have Survived Till Now.

Annie W. Whitney, in New York Post. An old couplet running as follows:

"Tid, Mid and Miseray. Carling, Palm and Good-pas day," gives a name to every Sunday in Lent, each of them at one time having its special celebration and festivities. The stern, severe life of our early English ancestors seems to have needed during the lenten season relief, and as Sundays were considered "improper" days for fasting they were turned into days

The most interesting of these customs began at midlent, the fourth Sunday in Lent, variously called Midlent Sunday, Mothering Sunday and Care, Carle or Carling Sunday. The very early custom of visiting and worshiping in the mother church on this day first gave it the name of Mothering Sunday, but the custom was soon changed to that of visiting the natural mother, bearing presents, trinkets, cakes, etc. In other words, it became among all classes, though more particularly the lower ones, a day of reunion and feasting. It was often spoken of as going a-mothering to eat furmity, furmity, one of the dishes prepared for the guests, being hulled wheat boiled in milk, with seasoning.

Carls, or carlings, was another special dish in some places for this day. This was dried peas soaked over night and fried in butter, with pepper and salt, a kind of griddle cake. A legend claims that during a terrible famine a vessel load of peas was driven ashore by a storm and the people were saved from starvation, and have since celebrated the day by the eating of

In Northumberland the carlings were eaten without being made into cakes. In serving them, each person had his own spoon, and helped himself, this being done AT 39c PER YARD time. The person to whom the last one fell would be the first of the company to be married. In some places the carlings, especially among the upper classes, were partly roasted, and served on napkins like chestnuts, which they were said to resemble in

In Spanish countries Lent was repre sented as an old woman, and in places the children would go about the streets dressed fantastically, beating drums, shaking rattles, and crying:

'Saw down the old woman; Saw down the old woman At midnight the commonalty, taking up the cry, would march about the streets and

knock at every door, shouting: "Saw down the old woman;" concluding the ceremony by sawing in two the figure of an old woman representing

The custom of eating fish in Lent was very general then as now, but it is interesting to know that whale, purpoise, and sea-wolf were considered fish, and in the fourteenth century enormous sums were paid for choice morsels of them. Seals seem, some reason, to be excluded from this list. Why? Is it possibly out of deference to a superstition of the fishermen on the coast of Ireland? They disliked to kill them, believing they contained the souls of those who were drowned at the flood. They also believed them capable of casting off their skins, and sporting on the shore in human form. If a mortal obtained possession of the cast-off skin of a female seal, he could claim her as his wife.

AN ANCIENT DELICACY. A manuscript in the British Museum contains a receipt for making "puddynge of porpoise." In the time of Henry VIII this was still a table delicacy, and in some places was eaten much later. Herring pies and lampreys were great delicacies. The town of Yarmouth was required by charter to send yearly to the King one hundred herrings baked in twenty-four pies. The town of Gloucester for its peculiar way of stewing them.

Good Friday has its peculiar customs, the eating of hot cross buns being a familiar one. The eating of these it was believed protected the house from fire through the year, while eggs laid on Good Friday were believed to have the power of putting out all fires on which they were thrown. It was a common custom to bake a small loaf of bread on this day to be used for medicinal purposes during the year. Portions of the loaf were grated in water and were supposed to be a panacea for many ills. An Irish superstition claims that the cutting of the hair on Good Friday cuts away the sins of the year, and enables one to start fresh at Easter. It also prevents headache for a year. Margaret Johnson, in her confession in 1633, declared that Good Friday was the day for a general meeting of witches. Holy Saturday was a great day of preparation for the excessive feasting of Easter, after the excessive fasting of Lent. On this day flesh and fowl were liberally provided for the morrow's feast, but dire

calamity was believed to follow him who dared to taste of them before the cock crew. In some places it was and still is the custom to hang an image of Judas, filled with firecrackers, on a rope across the street. At midnight it was fired. This was about them at Easter. On one of these ocmore particularly a Spanish custom, but in casions there seems to have been more of England, on Holy Saturday, at midnight, the unleavened dough than usual remainwhere, with the joyous cry, "Out with the Lent." There was little time left for sleep, for by 4 o'clock it was necessary to be up in order to see the sun dance. There were a number of popular superstitions connected with this idea that the sun dances on Easter morning, and at one time a doggerel referring to it appeared in one of the London papers. I give it, with the answer that appeared in a later edition of the same paper. Question:

"Old wives, Phoebus, say That on Easter day To the music of the spheres you do caper; If the fact, sir, be true, Pray let's the cause know When you have any room in your paper.'

"The old wives get merry With spiced ale or sherry On Easter, which makes them romance; And whilst in a rout Their brains twirl about

They fancy we caper and dance." This allusion to spiced ale is probably to braggot, an Easter drink of ale, sugar and

EASTER EGGS. The origin of the custom of giving eggs at Easter is of great antiquity, dating back less written up, in memory of which it is the lifting a kiss or a sixpence was exstill customary to give presents of colored | pected. spring. Easter eggs have had various names, being called pasch, pace, or paste eggs, and the uses to which they have to roll their eggs on the lawn at the White very old customs, the finest grassy slopes being selected for the purpose. The children, in rolling the eggs, repeated some such ditty as the following: parland, paste-egg day." But this custom was not entirely confined to the children,

for in some places the older, well-dressed

people indulged in the sport, having their initial or some distinctive marking on the

eggs, for the one that held out claimed the rest. Our Southern negroes have such Both tansy pudding and bacon and eggs were very generally eaten at this time, the bacon to show abhorrence of the Jews; though on the continent it was very customary to abstain from eating flesh at Easter in order to escape fever for the rest of the year. One of the celebrated dishes of the season was simnel cakes, though in some places they were eaten in Lent. Bury, Lancaster, was celebrated for these simnel cakes, and at the time of the marriage of the Prince of Wales the ladies of Bury sent, as a wedding present, a very large simnel cake. In this same town of Bury, on mid-lent Sunday, the people all assembled at one place to eat these cakes, which were raised, made of fine flour and water, with sufficient saffron to give a deep yellow color to them. The interior was like a rich plum cake, with candied lemon peel and good things galore. They were made up very stiff, and tied in a cloth and boiled for several hours, after which they were brushed over with egg and then baked. When ready for use, they were as hard as wood and many curious stories are told of lof their inhabitants. the uses to which they were put by strang-

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soften it, and one was used by a lady as

a foot cushion. The origin and use of the

the most picturesque of the legends con-

In ancient times, it is said, there lived a

worthy couple named Simon and Nelly,

who delighted in gathering their children

ing after the Lenten fast, and the thrifty

housewife determined to utilize it. The

good man suggested that the remains of

the Christmas plum pudding, still in the

cupboard, be used for the interior. When

all was put together, a quarrel arose as to

how it should be cooked; one wanted it

boiled, the other baked. Over this they

came to blows. Nelly picked up the stool

on which she sat and threw it at Simon.

beating her on the head and shoulders.

Then Nelly took the broom and went for

poor Simon. She was the first to propose

a compromise, suggesting that they first

boil the pudding and then bake it. The big

pot was then put on the fire and the stool

cake. The eggs broken in the fight were

The custom of lifting or heaving was very

general at one time, the men lifting the

or bed if in the house. If done on the

The question of "ball-playing" was very

general on Easter Monday; so general, in

by law. This sport was indulged in by the

antiphone suited to the occasion and the

season. In England it was often called

"stool ball," and corporations and officials

played it in their robes of state. This cus-

om, when dropped by the people generally.

was kept up for a long time by twelve old

sixty years of age, became celebrated as

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

which includes the taxes for six years.

The cost of a patent in Germany is \$100,

thousand who are confined in lunatic asy-

lums have been made insane by love af-

Nearly all the female servants of Russia

The leaf of the cocoanut tree is nearly

Leprosy is said to be spreading in Spain

in a somewhat alarming manner. In the

village of Alcubias, near Valencia, more

than a dozen families are said to be af-

Spades and shovels, together with scoops

are found depicted on the walls of Egyp-

tian catacombs, and all three are frequent-

The deaths in France in 1835 exceeded

the births by 7,000. In many of the departments the population is steadily dwind-

ling, whole districts being almost stripped

ly mentioned by Roman and Greek agri-

thirty feet long. A single leaf of the para-sol magnolia of Ceylon affords shade for

have to supply their own mattresses, and

place them in any convenient corner-

mistress of the sport.

usually in the kitchen.

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ages for the alleged breaking of his arm One is the Iron Mountain of Missouri, another is in Mexico, another is in India, and was offered \$100 as a compromise, and resimnel cake are of great antiquity, but the | fused it and was then subjected to the a fourth is in that region of Africa extest of the X ray, which showed that his plored by Stanley, and there have been reheavily bandaged arm was not broken and

> If the standing armies of Europe were marched in rows of five and at the rate of three miles an hour it would take nine and one-half days before every man could have William Anthony, in Ross county, New York, is the owner of a cat which he has trained to carry letters between his house and that of a neighbor. The letters are

never had been.

tied about the cat's neck. The specie room on ocean steamships is usually 16 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet high. It is formed of steel plates a quarter of an inch thick, with a steel door, which has a burglar-proof combination lock. Public story tellers still earn a good livelihood in Japan. In Tokio alone 600 of them ply their trade, provided with a small table, a fan and a paper wrapper to illus-

trate and emphasize the points of their

was broken up and used to help boil the cake, while the broom was broken later As a recognition of the good work done of the features in his New York store. It by the Salvation Army in Detroit in reand used to help heat the oven to bake the lieving distress among the poor, the citizens have contributed \$74,000 to purchase used to coat the outside. These cakes were the building used by the army as headfirst called Simon and Nelly, the legend

Chewing gum is productive of wrinkles. The incessant action of the jaws throws women on day and the women lifting the the mouth out of shape and must, sooner men the next day. This was supposed to or later, bring out the wrinkles on the typify the resurrection, and was done three | face. Tutti-frutti girls will take warning times, the victim being raised in his chair | accordingly. Since Winnebago county, Wisconsin,

street, however, the lifters usually clasped adopted the workhouse cure for tramps, their hands and formed what as children the number to be cared for has fallen from we called a rocking-chair, on which the vicabout 1,500 a month in the winter season to tim must sit and be lifted three times. After seventy-five, and a saving to the county of about \$1,000 a month has been effected. It is believed that some of the camels imported in 1853 to run wild in Arizona are still in existence. Indians occasionally refact, that the size of the ball was regulated port having seen some, and lately the International Boundary Commission saw two | Trifles. Romish clergy on the continent, as well as in England. The clergy danced hand in with their spy-glasses on the Mexican

The merchant marine of the United States on June 30 of last year comprised 22,908 vessels, of 4,703,880 gross tons, a decrease of \$30 vessels, but an increase of 68,000 tons over the previous year, showing the increase in the size of modern women. One of these, named Gril, over A New Hartford (Conn.) Italian adver-

tises a delinquent customer by hanging a placard in his store bearing the following | Puck. - owes me \$7.75 for peanuts, candy, cigars and bread, and he won't pay. I warn the public. Don't trust him. He won't pay. In France women have a monopoly on bookkeeping in restaurants and cafes. They are well paid and have few ex-

restaurant and a plain black dress being all that is required in the way of toilet during working hours. Bees must always be bartered; to sell them is considered most unlucky. A bushel of corn or a small pig is held to be a fair equivalent for a swarm. Bartered bees are

penses, their meals being furnished by the

happy, but to be "guilty of selling them is a grievous omen, indeed, than which nothing can be more dreadful." Up to 1893 grapes were raised in China for the table only. Since then experiments have been made in making wine, which, so far, have resulted very successfully; and, as Japan now supplies the Celestials with beer, we may now expect the latter to re-

At an auction sale of postage stamps in 'hicago recently a reprint set of thirteen United States stamps of the 1872 issue brought \$439; Baltimore local stamp, used before the government stamps were first issued, \$250; St. Louis green local stamp, \$250; St. Louis lilae local stamp, \$250. A Baltimore man who demanded \$3,500 The world contains at least four moun-One was ordered to be boiled, in order to from a street-railroad company as dam- tains composed of almost solid iron ore.

ciprocate with Pekin claret.

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ports of such a mountain existing in Si-

The jail in Barnstable, Mass., is an easy-

the streets in prison garb, giving the wife

of the jailer, Mrs. G. H. Cash, bicycle

Of seventy-eight young men and two

young women who were subjected to a

the men and both of the women passed.
The young women, Miss Mary E. Corbett
and Miss Helen J. Westcott, are justly

The present department-store system

originated about forty years ago with the

of Dublin. When A. T. Stewart revisited

vation closely and began to introduce some

Ireland, about 1861, he examined the inno-

was John Wanamaker who first elaborated

In the sixteenth century the average

length of a doctor's life was thirty-six

years and five months, in the seventeenth

century it was forty-five years and eight

months, in the eighteenth century forty-

nineteenth, fifty-six years and seven

months. It thus appears that doctors were

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Swear Not at All.

Binks-Do you use a fountain pen?

The fin de siecle lover puts it thus:

bikes over.

have-a pointer?

Sporty-No; a disappointer.

Winks-Not since I joined the church.

The Revised Version.

"I love the very ground Miss Bloomer

Just Dog.

Loftus-What sort of a dog is that you

Cause and Effect.

She-They have struggled hard to keep up

He-Yes; that is just what has kept them

Proper Shop for Knowledge.

Snake Reporter-I think it's some kind o

Not Contagious.

Teacher-Give an example of the use

Pupil-Street cars are not contagious.

The Probable Reason.

Mrs. Hornbeak-Ezry, why do these city

hotels have their bills-o'-fare printed it

tree. Didn't you ever hear of New Haven

Horse Reporter-What is vellum?

and its noble rows of vellums?

They are awful hard to catch.

Boston Transcript.

Puck.

the word "contagious."

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hard and prolonged examination for ad- doctor's whiskers may carry disease mission to the bar in Boston, forty-one of | germs. "Why don't the doctors boil their whiskers?"

plied the country editor. A La Sherlock Holmes. First Boarder-We are going to have peach-roll for dinner to-day.

First Boarder-I heard the landlady or-

How She Reasoned It.

Second Boarder-How do you know

An Infallible Rule.

Brobson-Uncle Stayles is a man from whom I have expectations, you know; but I see I'm alienating him by not laughing at the right place in his stories. How am I to manage Crair-Why, it's dead easy; get close enough to him so he can nudge you.

One day in October, 1883, Lady A---, living in Rue du Bel-Respiro, Paris, found that she had been robbed of a sum of 3,500 francs. She notified the commissary of posearch and questioned the servants, but discovered nothing. Lady A---, when enumerating her servants, begged the commisvery good-looking, very respectful, and very well qualified for his duties, who had been nicknamed "le Petit," not on account of his A-- there had been a good deal of talk said, could see the most surprising things in a bowl of coffee grounds. M. L. d'Ergoverness to the house of this person, and was quite surprised to hear her describe exapartment, pass in review her seven servants, and say that, though she could not within two years. Some weeks later "le Petit" left the service of his mistress without giving any reason, and two years later git their warmed-over vittles eaten if they he mounted the scaffold. This servant, so highly esteemed, was none other than

Farmer Hornbeak-Because they wouldn't Marchandon, the assassin.

The Hero of the Day, Edith-What does that button mean on James-Oh, I joined the "Sons of the Rev- Champagne, for its excellent qualities.

olution" the other day. My great-grandfather was killed in that war, you know. Edith-So you wear the button-while your great-grandfather did the rest.

going place. E. C. Knapp, according to a local paper, who is supposed to be serving a term of five years' sentence for stealing national bank funds, was recently seen in Willie—Told me I had better blow it Willie-Told me I had better blow it out

Simple Remedy. Cleveland Plain Dealer. "I notice that some people claim that a

Easily Explained. Yonkers Statesman. "How did you happen to become such a pronounced vegetarian?" asked the oldest

"All my subscribers paid that way," re-

der a pound of dried apples from the gronine years and eight months, and in the | cer's boy this morning.

"My dear," said Mrs. Fosdick to her tenyear-old daughter, "you should not say You should always say 'toothbrush "But, mamma," said the little girl, "I brush all my teeth with it."

Prevision of the Future. Camille Flammarion, in March Arena. lice on Rue Berryer, who instituted a sary to exclude from his suspicions her second valet de chambre, a youth of nineteen, stature, for he was rather tall, but from a feeling of delicate, protecting familiarity which his good qualities had won for him. Meanwhile, among the friends of Lady about a certain Demoiselle E---. who, they vieux had the curiosity to accompany his actly each piece of furniture in Lady A-'s name the thief, he would be guillotined

American and European expositions have awarded premiums to Cook's Imperial